

## Message Text

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O 180830Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE  
SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6043

C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 4282

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: TDY MARINES-MOGADISCIO

REF: HIPSON/GARRETT TELECON 3/17/78

1. POST FOR RSO; DEPT. FOR A/SY/OPS/MSG
2. YOUR REQUEST TO ABORT SGT. SMITH'S TDY TO MOGADISCIO  
CAME TOO LATE TO TAKE ACTION. SNM HAS RECEIVED ORDERS AND  
EXPECTS TO DEPART 3/19.
3. MOGADISCIO REQUESTED TDY MARINES FOR 3 WEEKS TO GUARD AND  
ESCORT SKYLINK EQUIPMENT BEING INSTALLED AT POST. WHILE  
EQUIPMENT NOT CLASSIFIED AS SUCH, POST WISHES TO INSURE THAT  
COMPONENTS AND TO CERTAIN EXTENT, THE OPERATION, NOT BE KNOWN.
4. RSO NAIROBI EXPRESSED TO POST HIS OPINION THAT MSGS WERE  
NOT NECESSARY. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR INSISTED THAT MARINES BE DE-  
TAILED. THUS, END OF ARGUMENT.
5. CO."F" IS BEING PRESSED WITH UPCOMING TDY REQUIREMENTS  
FOR VIP VISIT MONROVIA AND LAGOS. ADDITIONALLY WE HAVE TDY  
CONSEC MARINES AT LAGOS, ALSO FROM CO."F".
6. I AGREE WITH ADDIS THAT PERHAPS IT WAS UNFAIR TO SELECT  
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TDY'ER FROM YOU DETACHMENT. GIVEN THE SITUTATION IN ADDIS  
A FULL DETACHMENT IS WARRANTED.

7. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IF POST FEELS THAT SGT. SMITH SHOULD  
BE REPLACED ASAP AND RETURN TO ADDIS, SUGGEST STRONG MESSAGE  
TO THE EFFECT BE FORWARDED DEPT. AND CO."F".

8. CO, CO."F" MADE BEST DECISION POSSIBLE UNDER PRESSURE TO  
HAVE THREE MARINES ON POST BY 3/20/78.

9. REGRET WE WERE UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH YOUR REQUEST.

10. FOR DONOVAN: IF ADDITIONAL TDY MARINES REQUIRED PERHAPS  
CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NEARBY POSTS OUTSIDE CO."F"  
SUCH AS SANA OR JIDDA.

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